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Re the Application of:

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Examiner: Henry S. HU

For: PURIFICATION PROCESS OF THERMOPROCESSABLE
TETRAFLUOROETHYLENE COPOLYMERS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 3, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Restriction Requirement asserted that the claims define two (2) independent and distinct inventions and required the Applicant to elect one of the following two inventions:

Group I: claims 18-30 and 33, drawn to a low extractable cation (< 1 ppm) and thermoprocessable copolymer comprising TFE and at least one comonomer(s) as specified; and

Group II: claims 31-32, drawn to a monomeric compound (A-II).

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 18-30 and 33, with traverse.

Applicants submit that the compounds of group II (claims 31-32) can be used to prepare polymers. Thus, Applicants traverse the restriction between the claims of Group I and Group II and respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction and examination of

claims 31 and 32 of Group II with the provisionally elected claims 18-30 and 33 of Group I.

Regardless, Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

It is believed that extensions of time are not required. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and are authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing docket number 108910-00124.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment with respect to this paper to Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket Number 108910-00124.

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